

January 8, 2007 Update

A draft rulemaking to implement the EMT certification extension provision added to [A.R.S. § 36-2202\(G\)](#) was considered by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council at its April 2006 meeting and was tabled because of unresolved questions about issues such as authorization to practice during the interim period between the expiration date and application with the extension fee.

After the EMS Council meeting, ADHS consulted its Assistant Attorneys General regarding interpretation of the new statutory language and created a revised draft that:

- Creates a \$150 certification extension fee,
- Retroactively authorizes an EMT who files an application for recertification with an extension fee within 30 days after the expiration date to work as an EMT during the interim period between the expiration date and the application with the fee,
- Clarifies that an individual who does not submit an application for recertification with an extension fee within 30 days after the expiration date was not authorized to work after the expiration date and is not eligible for recertification, and
- Clarifies that ADHS may deny an application submitted with a certification extension fee based on failure to meet the standards for recertification.

ADHS presented the revised draft rulemaking to the EMS Council at its November 2006 meeting, and EMS Council recommended that ADHS move forward with the draft rulemaking.

After receiving EMS Council's recommendation to go forward, ADHS solicited informal public comment on the draft rules from November 29, 2006, through January 2, 2007. ADHS received several comments regarding the draft rules, only one of which was critical of the draft rules, and determined that no changes to the draft rules were necessary as a result of the comments received.

ADHS intends to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by January 12, 2007. If filed by January 12, 2007, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be published on February 2, 2007, and will be made available at http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/emt_cert_ext.htm shortly thereafter.

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